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- 5 1. A freshening cosmetic composition characterized in that it comprises 0.01% to 2% by weight menthol and 0.1% to 10% by weight menthyl lactate, the menthol / menthyl lactate ratio lying in the range 1/3 to 1/10, and being such that the odor of the menthol is barely perceptible, said composition not being irritating, in particular for the sensitive parts of the human body.
- 10 2. A composition according to claim 1, characterized in that the menthol / menthyl lactate ratio lies in the range 1/6 to 1/4, and is preferably about 1/5.
- 15 3. A composition according to claim 1 or 2, characterized in that it comprises 0.01% to 0.5% by weight of menthol and 0.25% to 1% by weight of menthyl lactate, preferably 0.08% to 0.12% by weight of menthol and 0.45% to 0.55% by weight of menthyl lactate.
- 20 4. A composition according to any one of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that it further includes at least one fragrance, in particular the "glacier SG 809 A" fragrance, at a concentration lying in the range 0.5% to 5% by
- 25 weight.
- 30 5. A composition according to any one of claims 1 to 4, characterized in that it further comprises at least one surface active agent selected from anionic surface active agents, preferably sodium cocoyl isethionate, at a concentration lying in the range 1% to 10% by weight.
6. A composition according to claim 5, characterized in that it further comprises at least one thickening agent

selected in particular from xanthan gums, carbomers, preferably hydroxypropyl methylcellulose, at a concentration lying in the range 0.2% to 10% by weight.

- 5 7. A composition according to claim 5 or 6, characterized in that it further comprises at least one conditioning polymer.
8. A composition according to any one of claims 5 to 7, characterized in that it further comprises a lustering agent, preferably a mixture of sodium laureth sulfate and of glycol distearate, at a concentration lying in the range 0.1% to 1% by weight.
- 15 9. A composition according to any one of claims 5 to 8, characterized in that it further comprises a foaming agent, preferably lauryl betaine, at a concentration lying in the range 1% to 10% by weight.
- 20 10. A composition according to any one of claims 5 to 9, characterized in that it further comprises an association of surface active agents such as sodium laureth sulfate, ammonium laureth sulfate, lauryl glucoside, such that the total concentration in surface active agent in the
- 25 composition lies in the range 5% to 30%, and preferably in the range 15% to 25%, by weight.
11. A composition according to any one of claims 5 to 10, characterized in that it further comprises at least one
- 30 hydrating agent, in particular glycerol and/or polyethylene glycol, at a concentration lying in the range 1% to 20% by weight.

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12. A composition according to any one of claims 5 to 11, characterized in that it further comprises at least one buffer, a dye, an anti-oxidant, and/or a preservative.

5 13. A composition according to any one of claims 5 to 12, for use as a shower gel.

14. A composition according to any one of claims 5 to 13, characterized in that it comprises the following compounds in percentage by weight:

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10	- Water	62,92 %
	- Sodium laureth sulfate	12 %
	- Hydroxypropyl methylcellulose	0,5 %
	- Sodium cocoyl isethionate	7 %
15	- Ammonium lauryl sulfate	3 %
	- Lauryl glucoside	1 %
	- Lauryl betaine	4 %
	- Polyquaternium-10	5 %
	- Polyethylene glycol (PEG)	2 %
20	- Preservative(s)	0,5 %
	- Fragrance	1,5 %
	- Menthyl lactate	0,5 %
	- Menthol	0,08%

25 15. The use of the composition according to any one of claims 1 to 14, as a bathing product, in particular as a two-in-one product for simultaneously cleansing and freshening the skin.

30 16. A use according to claim 15 as a shower gel.

17. A use according to claim 15 as a foaming gel for the face.